

Animal habitat to open

"The Wildlife Preserve," a family recreational center featuring a natural animal habitat at Largo, Md., will begin its inaugural season about July 1.

The 280-acre preserve, owned and operated by the American Broadcasting Company, will consist of compounds depicting the North American Plains, the South American Plains and Africa. A fourth compound will contain predators.

In each compound, animals indigenous to the geographic area characterized will roam free, while visitors will remain in their automobiles.

At the end of the 45-minute drive-through, visitors may enter the Trace of Life, a multi-media theater which presents the history of life on earth and nature's battle for survival over the ages. Children can visit the "Kuddle Korner," where they may pet unusual tame animals.

There will be a large picnic area and the various shops and snack bars will be interlaced with gardens, waterfalls, natural streams, wood benches and bridges.

"The Wildlife Preserve" will be open daily from 9.30 A.M. until dusk. Information is available from Paul McCarthy, The Wildlife Preserve, 13710 Central ave., Largo, Md. 20870.